



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK**  
NOVEMBER 16-22, 2003

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People was organized in 1987 to advocate for homeless men, women and families in North Dakota. This coalition, comprised of numerous individuals and agencies representing both local and statewide concerns, is working to provide for the needs of all homeless individuals in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, each night, nearly 700 homeless North Dakotans require shelter. There are far greater numbers of hidden homeless who have not sought out or received assistance through existing agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, these homeless North Dakotans are individuals who lack fixed, regular and adequate residence; live in a shelter, transitional living facility or a place not designated for living accommodations; or are at risk of being displaced from their residence; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's service providers are seeing increasing numbers of people without homes, particularly families with young children. Affordable housing ranging from emergency overnight lodging to permanent, low-income housing is a growing need. In addition to housing needs, homeless individuals require medical care, food, transportation, day care services, job skills development, education and case management; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and agencies of North Dakota, including schools, churches and governments, are encouraged to help address homelessness, and become involved in community programs that provide solutions in meeting the physical, social, economic and educational needs of the homeless; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2003, **HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State